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1. BECAUSE IT WAS CONCERNED WITH CHANCERY SECURITY AND THE FACT THAT NON-AMERICAN PERSONNEL HAVING BUSINESS WITH THE COMMISSARY ARE ABLE TO PROCEED UNHINDERED FORM THE COMMISSARY(B-2 LEVEL) THROUGH THE COMMON PASSAGEWAYS TO ALMOST ALL THE REMAINDER OF THE BUILDING,THE EMBASSY RECENTLY CONDUCTED A STUDY RE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF MOVING THE COMMISSARY OPERATION TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY. POSSIBILITIES CONSIDERED WERE(A) REMOVAL TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED WAREHOUSE, (B)RENTAL OF COMMERCIAL SPACE, OR(C) LEAVING FACILITY IN CHANCERY AND MAKING MODIFICATIONS WHICH MINIMIZE SECURITY PROBLEMS.(A) WAS RULED OUT SINCE ALMOST ALL OF WAREHOUSE WOULD BE REQUIRED AND OFFSET IN CHANCERY WOULD NOT PROVIDE EITHER APPROPRIATE OR ADEQUATE WAREHOUSE FACILITIES.(B) DID NOT PROVE FEASIBLE SINCE NO SPACE COULD BE LOCATED AT ANYTHING APPROACHING A REASONABLE PRICE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE SALES AND STORAGE SPACE, PARKING AREA AND ALSO MEETING ZONING RESTRICTIONS. IT FINALLY WAS DETERMINED THAT MOST PRACTICAL AND ECONOMICAL SOLUTION WAS TO LEAVE COMMISSARY IN CHANCERY.

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ALSO, IN AN EMERGENCY GREATER PRTOECTION COULD BE

GIVEN TO ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS IN CHANCERY THAN
IN ANY OUTSIDE BUILDING.

2. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE SECURITY AND
REDUCE POSSIBLE RISK OF TERRORIST ACTION, THE
EMBASSY PROPOSES HAVING THE COMMISSARY (B-2 LEVEL)
EXCHANGE SPACE WITH THE SUPPLY ROOM (B-1 LEVEL).
A DOOR CAN BE OPENED FROM THE NEW COMMISSARY ON
THE B-1 LEVEL DIRECTLY ONTO THE DRIVEWAY LEADING
ALONG SIDE THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHANCERY. THE
OFFLOADING ZONE WHICH IS CONSTANTLY UNDER MARINE
SECURITY GUARD SURVEILLANCE DURING WORKING
HOURS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR RECEIPT OF
COMMISSARY SUPPLIES AS WELL AS FOR THE OTHER
SHIPMENTS OF OFFICIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.
THIS CHANGE WOULD ELIMINATE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE
OTHER AREAS OF THE BUILDING FROM THE COMMISSARY
AS PERSONS FREQUENTING THE COMMISSARY WOULD ENTER
AND EXIT THE SALES AREA DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE
OUTSIDE.

3. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE ESTIMATED COSTS
OF NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMMISSARY AND
SUPPLY ROOM AREAS AND COSTS OF EFFECTING THE MOVES:
ESTIMATE COST OF PREPARING COMMISSARY SPACE \$17,500
ESTIMATED COST OF PREPARING SUPPLY ROOM SPACE \$3,000
ESTIMATED COST OF MOVING OFFICIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT \$3,600
ESTIMATED COST OF MOVING COMMISSARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIP \$8,085

4. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD IN LARGE MEASURE
SOLVE ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF PHYSICAL
SECURITY AT THE POST AND ALSO WOULD MEET IN MAJOR
PART ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOREIGN
SERVICE INSPECTORS WHO WERE CONCERNED WITH THE
POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE CHANCERY POSED BY THE
COMMISSARY IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. IT WOULD
BE APPRECIATED IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPROVE
THE ABOVE PROPOSALS AND ALLOCATED THE REQUIRED
\$32, 185 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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